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# City business limping back to normalcy

## Malls, hotels report thin attendance; depleted workforce, few buyers at shops

## Both Government and Private Hospital Out-Patient Departments fully functional

Mysuru, June 10 (RK&BCT)- It has been three days since the Government allowed malls, temples, hotels and dine-in joints in city to re-open as the country entered the lockdown 5.0 or unlock phase. Except for gyms, swimming pools, bars and cinemas, everything else is open and even the Central Business Street, people are coming out in the open to shop. But the crowd is less, less than the normal.

Traders say depleted workforce, few buyers – it is a normal for commercial areas and shopping hubs post-lockdown. If one rates the commercial activities in a scale of one to 10, the city's business activities can be rated at 5.5 to 6. And this is the scene across the commercial streets including D. Devaraja Urs Road, Ashoka Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Makkaji Chowk, Shivarampet, Narayana Shastri Road, Vinobha Road, New Kantharaj Urs Road, Dhanvantri Road, K.T. Street, Temple Road Jayalakshmipuram, Kalidasa Road and Ramanuja Road.

Despite these places being opened after a gap of more than three months, many places wore a deserted look as the people are cautious and not ready to take risk of venturing out amid the ongoing Coronavirus threat.

"Business is not as heavy as expected though it was allowed after a gap of almost three months. You can see for yourself the crowd, it is not what it should have been in a commercial area like this prior to the imposition of lockdown. Hope it will improve", a cloth merchant B. Ramesh said when asked for his reaction.

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# 'Hybrid', virtual Parliament Session on cards

New Delhi, June 10 (UNI)- The prospects of a routine Session of Parliament have come under question with existing Government buildings found inadequate to accommodate all members of Parliament if COVID-19 physical distancing norms are to be followed, according to highly-placed sources.

With neither the Central Hall of Parliament nor the Vigyan Bhawan Plenary Hall large enough to seat all the MPs while maintaining a minimum distance of one metre, the Presiding Officers of both Houses are learnt to have been exploring options of holding a 'hybrid' Session of Parliament or a virtual one, the sources said.

The hybrid session would allow some MPs to be present physically in Parliament with the remaining ones attending it virtually.

The sources said one of the options discussed is to enable attendance in the Chambers of both the Houses of only those many members who can be accommodated according to social distancing norms by drawing up lists of such members whose participation in various items of business is required on a daily basis.

At a meeting convened by Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, the Secretary Generals of both Houses are learnt to have told the Presiding Officers that neither the Central Hall nor the Vigyan Bhawan Plenary Hall have a seating capacity to accommodate all MPs together. The meeting was convened to review various options for holding the ensuing Monsoon Session of Parliament.

Briefing Naidu and Birla on various possibilities, the Secretary Generals reported the outcomes of their assessment of seating capacity in the Chambers of both the Houses, the Central Hall of Parliament and the Plenary Hall of Vigyan Bhawan.

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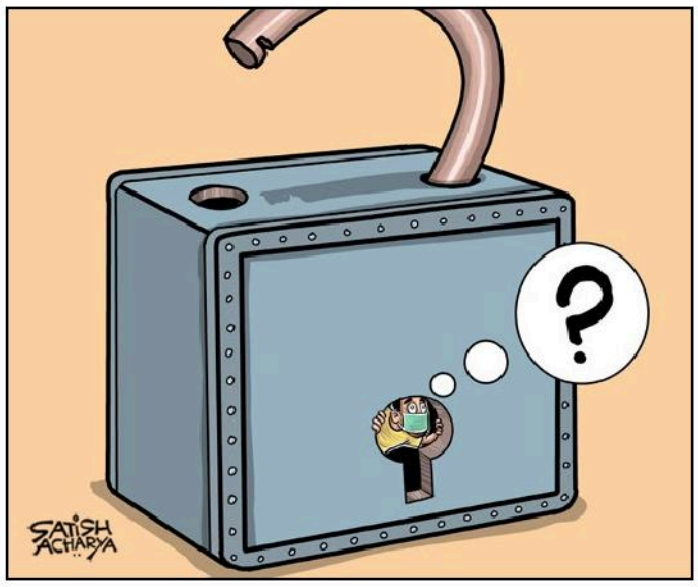


# 20 live .303 bullets found underwater in Kapila River

Nanjangud, June 10 (RS & BCT)- The case of 50 missing .303 bullets from T. Narasipur Police Station is turning out to be not less than an on-screen blockbuster. First, the bullets were found missing, second, two cops were suspended, third, one of the cops staged a suicide drama and now, 20 live bullets have been found deep inside Kapila River in Nanjangud.

Fifty bullets were found missing from the vaults of the Station when personnel from Mysuru District Armed Reserve Police visited the T. Narasipur Police Station on May 23 to take stock of the weaponry. An FIR was lodged and the Police Station Writer Krishnegowda and Writer Ningaraju were kept under suspension as the Station Writer is responsible for arms and other assets.

After the case came to light and after an FIR was booked against Krishnegowda, he staged a high drama faking a suicide attempt by jumping into Kapila River, only to escape through another route and was caught from a haystack near Hunsur. He was brought to Mysuru by a team led by Dy.SP Prabhakar Rao Shinde and a special team began grilling Krishnegowda.

During intense interrogation, the investigators were told by Krishnegowda that he had thrown the bullets into Kapila River. The suspended cop told the probe team that he had taken this step as he wanted to take 'revenge' on his predecessor at the same Station as he was not in good terms with him (Krishnegowda), said sources.

### Who has the remaining 30 bullets from T. Narasipur Police Station? Probe on

Based on the clues given by Krishnegowda, the probe team headed by Additional SP P.V. Sneha went near the spot where the cop told them that he had disposed of the bullets and summoned expert divers to fish out the bullets. Krishnegowda was taken to the spot where he threw the bullets near Devaraja Urs Bridge (old Railway Bridge).

After a two-hour search, 20 bullets of .303 rifles were found. The entire bridge surroundings were sealed amidst tight security. During further interrogation, it was revealed that Krishnegowda had thrown only 20 bullets into the river. The probe team grilled the cop and have got some clues regarding the remaining 30 bullets and the team members have expressed confidence that they will recover the bullets soon.

Live bullets were supplied to T. Narasipur Police Station from the Mysuru Police Armoury for .303 rifles and the bullet count was recorded at 2,500. As these are arms and ammunition, periodic audits will be held. During one such audit, Dy.SP Satish of Mysuru District Armed Reserve Police visited the T. Narasipur Police Station on May 23 to take stock of the weaponry when he found that 50 live bullets were missing and the bullet count was listed as 2,450. After the live bullets were found missing, Nanjangud Sub-division Dy.SP Prabhakar Rao Shinde lodged a Police complaint (FIR 149/2020) at the same Police Station under IPC Section 409 (criminal breach of trust by public servant) and Section 380 (theft).

The case assumed significance as the bullets were found missing inside a Police Station and considering the seriousness of the offence, Mysuru SP C.B. Ryshyanth had placed two cops under suspension. As his earlier remand had ended, Krishnegowda was produced before the T. Narasipur Court last Monday and the cop was remanded again to Police custody till June 16.

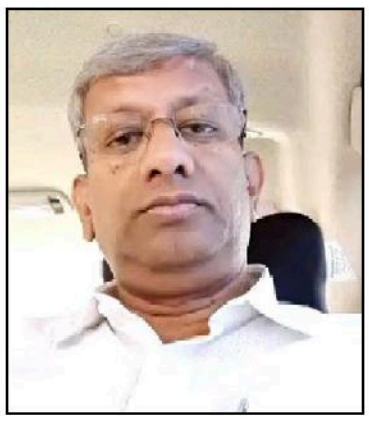
# IPS Officer Roopa Moudgil
## launches KSOU's online coaching for competitive exams

Mysuru, June 10 (PM)- Online coaching classes for competitive exams, conducted by Competitive Examination Coaching Centre (CECC) of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), was inaugurated at KSOU auditorium yesterday.

A total of 447 aspirants had registered for coaching classes earlier in the month of February, before the lockdown, but in the wake of Corona pandemic, KSOU is conducting classes online for the next 50 days from 11 am to 1 pm.

D. Roopa Moudgil, Inspector General of Police, Railways Department, Bengaluru, after launching the programme online from Bengaluru, addressed the participants and shared her personal experiences as an aspirant for IPS exam.

*IPS Officer D. Roopa Moudgil*



*KSOU VC Prof. S. Vidyashankar*

*Scholar Dr. Selvapillai Iyengar, Additional Regional Commissioner K.M. Gayathri, KSOU Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi and Coaching Centre Co-ordinator Jainahalli Satyanarayana Gowda at KSOU auditorium in city yesterday during the launch of online coaching.*

Stating that there was not much knowledge about IAS and IPS exams kind of competitive exams in Karnataka at a time when she was taking up the exam, Roopa Moudgil said that one must have clear goal to succeed. "Instead of wasting time on social networking sites, one must utilise online classes properly. Success is for sure in any competitive exams if one prepares for it considering it a penance," she added.

Additional Regional Commissioner K.M. Gayathri, who was the chief guest on the occasion, said that one should have confidence to face exams. Confidence will enhance the learning skills, she added.

Mentioning that she studied at a Government School in Kannada medium, she said that there was no much facility during her learning days and the present generation was getting all study materials sitting at their homes.

Suggesting on answering in competitive exams, she said: "Soon after seeing a question paper, one should decide how much time has to be given to each question."

KSOU VC Prof. S. Vidyashankar, who was in Bengaluru on duty, too spoke online and informed that amidst Corona crisis, all the necessary arrangements for online coaching was made just in a span of a week.

"As an alternative to Zoom app, we have been successful in developing a better voice and visual online facility. Dy.CM Dr. Ashwath Narayan has also appreciated our work. KSOU is emerging as a best platform in online teaching and even the students are utilising the facility in an effective manner," he said expressing happiness that already coaching has been completed to K-SET exams using online mode.

KSOU Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi, Coaching Centre Co-ordinator Jainahalli Satyanarayana Gowda, Scholar Dr. Selvapillai Iyengar and others were present.

# Mysore University extends holiday till June 30
### Send your opinion on holding exams to: registrar@uni-mysore.ac.in before June 25

Mysuru, June 10 (RK&DM)- The University of Mysore (UoM) has extended the holiday for all its affiliated, constituent, other jurisdictional Colleges and Post-Graduate centres till June 30, 2020.

University Registrar Prof.R. Shivappa, in a press release, said that holidays have been declared till June 30 as the UGC is set to announce the revised academic calendar in the last week of June.

The Registrar further said that following a circular issued by the Higher Education Department, it has been decided to elicit opinion from students, their parents and the teaching fraternity on holding the exams.

Accordingly, students, parents and the teaching faculty have to send their opinion via e-mail to: registrar@uni-mysore.ac.in, before June 25, along with their name, residential address and mobile number.

# 39,822 students to write SSLC examinations from June 25 in Mysuru

Mysuru, June 10 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru District is fully geared up to conduct SSLC examinations from June 25as per the time-table announced by the State Government. Exams will be conducted following all precautionary measures.

Speaking to 'Star of Mysore' this morning, DDPI Panduranga dispelled doubts in the minds of parents and said that the Department was taking all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In Mysuru, 139 exam centres have been identified including 48 centres within city limits where over 39,822 students will write the examinations.

"Each room will have 18 to 20 students and those students who show symptoms of cold, cough and fever will be accommodated in special rooms. Designated special rooms have been arranged at all the centres which will be sanitised daily. The process of cleaning and spraying disinfectants will begin this week," he said.

Elaborating further, the DDPI said that in case any Exam Superintendent, Invigilator or Squad members develop symptoms, back-up staff have also been identified. "Scouts and Guides have agreed to supply 42,000 masks for students and staff and we will procure more in case of need. Exam centres that come under quarantine zones or sealed areas will not be touched and a buffer zone has been made around the containment zones and alternative schools have been identified as exam centres," Panduranga explained.

Apart from permanent exam centres where exams are conducted annually, this year, the Department has identified temporary centres too due to COVID concerns, he added.

VOICE OF THE READER

# Check rash driving on Ring Road

Sir,

I want to bring to the notice of all the readers that we have seen some really rash driving on the Ring Road of our city. With lockdown restrictions and empty roads, youngsters have taken to Ring Road to showcase their senseless thirst for speed.

I have, in the past one week, noticed three speeding instances from the same rider. I travel to my office everyday using the Ring Road and during one such instance the youngster was performing a front wheeling with a pillion rider hanging on to his dear life.

With the absence of Police vigilance due to them having more important task at their hand, that is handling COVID-19, I urge all those using the Ring Road to be very alert while driving and changing lanes.

— **Sachin Purohit**

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# Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, June 10- As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has taken up maintenance works at 66/11 GIS Kalamandira Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas tomorrow (June 11) from 10 am to 5 pm:

Saraswathipuram 1st to 16th Main, New Kantharaj Urs Road, K.G. Koppal Main Road, University Quarters, Muslim Hostel, from Muragan Medicals on Vishwamanava Double Road to Kukkarahalli Lake Road, Paduvarahalli, DC Residence, Regional Commissioner Office, CFTRI Campus, Valmiki Road, Judge Quarters, Vontikoppal, Hunsur Main Road, Vagdevi Nagar, J.C. College surroundings, Chamaraja Mohalla, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Office, Law Court Complex, DD Urs Road, DC Office, Maharaja's and Yuvaraja's College surroundings, Shivarampet, Dewan's Road, Dhanvantri Road and J.K. Grounds surrounding areas, according to V.V. Mohalla Division Executive Engineer.

# Appointed as AAP Mysuru District President

Mysuru, June 10- Malavika Gubbivani, Head of Communications in BBMP campaign team of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Bengaluru, has been appointed as the President of AAP Mysuru District Unit.

After working with the IT giant Infosys in Bengaluru and Mysuru for nearly 15 years, she joined the AAP in 2014 with the idea of bringing about "change" in the system and carrying out social work in tune with the party's ideology.

*Malavika Gubbivani*

Concerned with the apathy and lack of political knowledge of the common people, she started an NGO that is aiming to bring about political awareness among citizens.

After officially joining the Aam Aadmi Party in 2014, she actively involved in the social and political activism and also engaged in several anti-corruption drives, pro-Kannada campaigns, save environment campaigns.

Malavika is an alumnus of Sri Jayachamarajendra Engineering College (SJCE), Mysuru. As a versatile personality, she is a State-level basketball player and a National-level Gold Medallist in Taekwondo.

# Obituary

**P.K. Shivappa**

Periyapatna, June 10- P.K. Shivappa (91), a senior Congress leader, former Taluk Board President and former Agro Industries Chairman, passed away on Tuesday midnight at a private hospital in Bengaluru.

He leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his farm in Periyapatna today, according to family sources.

# Bylakuppe Golden Temple closed for visitors till Aug.26

Bylakuppe, June 10- As the number of COVID-19 positive cases are still on the rise, Namdroling Monastery (the Golden Temple) in Bylakuppe has decided to remain closed for the visitors until Aug.26, 2020, according to a press release from the Monastery General Secretary.

"Our Monastery has taken this decision to ensure the safety for everyone from the virus, as 'prevention is better than cure.' The only way to contain the spread of the virus and to flatten the curve is to maintain physical distancing as advised by the global health experts. We really need to follow this advice sincerely as a measure of precaution because it is the only vaccine the world has right now. Our Monastery encourages everyone to wear face masks, wash hands frequently and drink more warm water," adds the press release.

# 'Helping Hands' provide financial aid

***'Helping Hands,' under its Health Project, provided financial aid to the parents of new-born baby girl Sowmya, residents of Sonnahalli village in Nanjangud taluk of Mysuru district. Sowmya is suffering from respiratory problem and she is undergoing treatment at JSS Hospital. Helping Hands President Mahaveer Khabiya, Secretary Anand Patwa, Treasurer Rajan Baghmar, Members Manoharlal Sankala, C.A. Sunil Lunawath, Prakash Gandhi, Mahaveer Dhoka, Sunil Patwa, Goutham Patwa, Dinesh Bohra, Rahul Choudry, Goutham Gandhi, Jambu Lodha, Adesh Lodha and Mahendra were present during handing over of the cheque.***

# Aadhaar, Voters ID and APL cards to come under Janasevaka Scheme

Mysuru, June 10 (SD)- Services such as inclusion of name in electoral roll, Aadhaar registration and APL ration cards have been included in Janasevaka Scheme, which was launched by Karnataka Government in February this year.

Speaking to press persons on Monday, Primary and Secondary Education and Sakala Minister S. Suresh Kumar said, "The respective Departments have agreed to this and these services will begin functioning under this Scheme very soon."

"Currently, Janasevaka Scheme has been implemented in a few Assembly Constituencies of Bengaluru including Rajajinagar, Bommanahalli, Mahadevapura and Dasarahalli. The Scheme provides over 50 services such as issue of caste and income certificates, senior citizens pension etc. Services such as inclusion of name in electoral roll, Aadhaar registration and APL ration cards will also be brought under this scheme in the very near future," he said.

"Considering the troubles faced by senior citizens to avail Aadhaar number and updates, we have decided to include this under the Scheme. Nowadays, Aadhaar card is essential for every citizen. Due to Coronavirus, aged and sick persons are unable to come out of their residences. It is also advisable for them to stay away from crowd and maintain their safety amid the Coronavirus pandemic. In this current situation, home delivery of these services would ensure protection from the disease," he added.

Suresh Kumar also advised other Ministers and Government Officers to create awareness among general public about Janasevaka Scheme and recommencement of these services.

Janasevaka under the Sakala Scheme is a programme to avail the benefits of Govt. Schemes at the doorstep. Sakala aims to ensure in-time delivery of services to citizens by practising innovative and efficient management systems through capacity building in Government and empowering citizens to exercise their right to service.

# Entries invited for 'Clean Village Clean Environment' Competition

Mysuru, June 10- As part of World Environment Day celebrations, Mysuru Zilla Panchayat Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) has organised 'Clean Village Clean Environment Competition' (Swachha Grama Swachha Parisara) and has invited entries for the same.

Interested may send any documentary or success story or model on the topic 'Proper disposal of corporate and domestic waste water' and win prizes. The entries should contain liquid waste disposal, minimal mechanical use, low-cost, simple and rural-friendly facts.

Entries must be sent before June 19 to e-mail: zpmysurucontest@gmail.com; For prescribed application form, visit https://mysore.nic.in

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2526347, according to ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra.

**In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka answers if music has any effect on dogs, can dogs smell our feelings and more...**

# Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

***Can dogs sense time?***

Dogs have a sense of time. It's been proven that they know the difference between an hour and two. If conditioned to, they can predict future events, such as regular walk times.

***Are yawns contagious for dogs also, just like humans?***

Yes, just like us, they also yawn on seeing someone yawning in front of them. Hilariously, they can't help but yawn too. This study also found that dogs can even tell the difference between a real yawn and a fake yawn.

***Why is it so that when me and my dog meet eyes, I feel like we are really bonding and connected?***

This is because oxytocin spikes in both you and your dog when you both share a mutual gaze. Scientists even compared it to "human mother-infant relation."

***Is it true that dogs know when people are lying?***

Yes, and as a result they stop listening to the person they deem untrustworthy. Thus, the study reveals that how sophisticated dogs are when it comes to social clues.

***Why is it advisable to keep dogs in the workplace?***

This is because they are awesome stress busters. Employees that have dogs by their side are happier, less stressed out, and can communicate better with their co-workers, which lead to higher productivity.

***Does music has any effect on dogs?***

Yes, dogs are very sensitive to music. It basically calms, stressed out and anxious, dogs. If your dog is lonely while you are at work all day, then music will prove to be a good time pass for your dog, especially classical music.

***Will it be right to say that dogs can smell our feelings?***

Yes, it is true. In fact, your dog's sense of smell is approximately 1,00,000 times better than yours. So, it shouldn't be shocking that they can, in fact, smell things such as fear. When a human is fearful, they perspire, and a dog is easily able to pick up on this change.

***My dog has started humping. How can I stop him from humping?***

First of all, catch your dog in the act — you need to address the behaviour while it's happening. Call your dog's name and say a word like "off" or "stop".

If your dog stops humping when you say "off" or "stop", reward him with a treat, toy affection, depending on what your dog likes the most. Remove humping target if possible. Praise your dog when he moves his attention to the reward and away from humping. Eventually you might be able to break your dog's humping. But sometimes you need to seek the help of a professional dog trainer or behaviourist to work on this issue.

***What is a reverse sneeze in dogs? How is it caused? How it can be treated?***

Causes: Reverse sneezing is caused by irritation of the throat, pharynx, or laryngeal area. It can also happen if they inhale irritants such as pollen or strong odours, or if they have allergies. Some dogs are more sensitive than others to items such as perfume, household cleaning products, and similar things that have a strong fragrance. A reverse sneeze can also be caused by respiratory infections, postnasal drip, obstruction or inflammation of the nasal passages, or excess in nasal discharge. Though it's less common, pneumonia, a gastrointestinal disease, nasal tumours, or dental diseases may also be a cause, particularly in older dogs without a history of reverse sneezing.

**Treatment:** If the reverse sneeze becomes a regular occurrence, it's best to take the dog to a vet for evaluation. They may be able to narrow down any potential causes to see if the situation improves. A vet visit should happen as soon as possible if you notice prolonged bouts of reverse sneezing, or bloody or yellow nasal discharge.

For dogs, the vet is likely to try and rule out conditions like grass inhalation, collapsing trachea, kennel cough, and respiratory infections. For cats, the vet will want to look for feline asthma and upper respiratory infections.

Reverse sneezes are self-limiting and usually not treated with medication. Depending on the cause, the vet may recommend an antihistamine, though that is often only in the cases of allergies or chronic bouts.

For the occasional reverse sneeze, you can offer your dog some comfort. One common method people use is to hold the dog's nose while gently massaging the underside of his throat for a few seconds. You will notice that the dog will swallow a couple of times during this process. The goal is to calm the dog and promote airflow. Fresh air or, in the least, a change of environment can help as well.

***Do dogs also suffer from insomnia just like humans do?***

Yes, but insomnia isn't as common with dogs as it is in people. However, puppies can have trouble sleeping, especially when they first arrive in their new home. Even older pups can have issues and not be able to sleep through the night. In fact, when owners are dealing with insomnia, it can impact how well their pets sleep too. Fortunately, there are a number of natural insomnia treatments you can try that may benefit your dog.

• Move the bed: rethink the placement of your dog's bed. Puppies like to sleep with you so move theirs closer to yours; • Feed the dog a night meal; • Play later at night: Try scheduling your play time half an hour before bed and burn your dog's excess energy so it will be ready to crash when you do; • Put on music: Try playing slow, calm and soothing music at a low volume to soothe your puppy and help him to sleep; • Massage therapy: Try giving your dog a massage to slow down the energy and soothe it into a restful state.

**To join the animal welfare movement contact**
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***www.peopleforanimalsindia.org***

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**SEND YOUR QUESTIONS**

Readers with queries about their pets health, care and behavioural issues may send their questions to *SOM* : *voice@starofmysore.com*

# Demonstration against installation of MV statue alongside Nalwadi at KRS

Mysuru, June 10 (PM&DM)- Strongly opposing the Government's plan of installing the statue of Sir M.Visvesvaraya (Sir MV) alongside that of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar in front of KRS dam, several like-minded groups under the banner of 'Ekapratime Horata Samiti' staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's Office here on Monday.

Addressing the protestors, Bahujan Vidyarti Sangha (BVS) leader Dr. Shivakumar said that Sir MV had served as the Chief Engineer of the dam only for one year and seven other Chief Engineers succeeded him in the construction of the dam that took 21 years, ending in 1932. As such, the statue of only Nalwadi, who alone should be credited for the construction of the Dam, must be installed in front of the dam. Claiming that the installation of MV's statue alongside that of Nalwadi will be an insult to the erstwhile Mysore Maharajas, he urged the Government not to install the statue of anyone other than that of Nalwadi in front of KRS dam.

Former Mayor Purushotham said that Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, who recently announced in Mysuru that the works on the installation of the statues were in the final stage, seems to have little knowledge of history. "Ramesh Jarkiholi must understand that Nalwadi made a lot of sacrifices for the construction of the dam and as such only his statue must find place in front of the dam," he maintained.

Prof. P.V. Nanjaraj Urs, farmer leader Hoskote Basavaraju, leaders Dyavappa Nayaka, Aravind Sharma,Choranahalli Shivanna, Sosale Siddaraju, Maridevayya and others took part in the demonstration.

# Railway employees stage black band protest seeking fulfilment of demands

Mysuru, June 10 (PM&DM)- Seeking fulfilment of their various demands, Railway employees under the banner of 'South Western Railway Mazdoor Union' registered their protest by wearing black bands while at work in the city on Monday.

They urged the Govt. to drop the moves for privatisation of Railways, scrapping of new pension scheme, release of withheld DA, revocation of the amendment to labour laws, allowances to all running employees and introduction of gratuity-based pension scheme, among others. They also demanded that all staff who worked during the Corona crisis risking their health be paid a special allowance.

# CESC Lineman electrocuted while repairing transformer

Nanjangud, June 10 (RS & KS)- A CESC Lineman, who was repairing a transformer, was electrocuted at Honaganahalli village in the taluk yesterday.

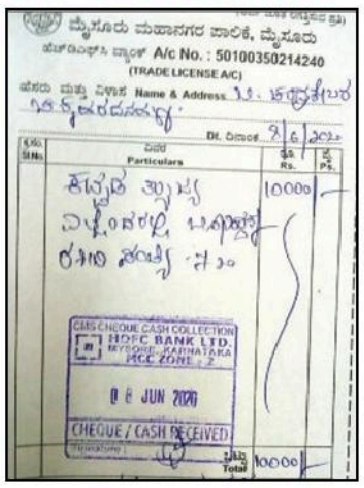
The deceased is Lokesh (24), a resident of Bhusandra village in Nagamangala taluk. He working as a Lineman at Chinakurali CESC Branch of Pandavapura CESC Sub-Division and was recently transferred to Pandavapura Sub-Division.

Venkatesh was assigned with the task of repairing an 11 KV transformer at Honaganahalli village and while repairing the transformer electricity passed accidentally resulting in Venkatesh being electrocuted.

Pandavapura Police, who rushed to the spot, registered a case and shifted the body to the General Hospital mortuary for post-mortem.

Zilla Panchayat members C. Ashok and Thimmegowda, who visited the deceased's family members assured them of holding talks with CESC Superintending Engineer N. Srinivas Murthy and CESC Executive Engineer Lokesh to provide suitable compensation.

# PWD Contractor fined Rs. 10,000 for dumping construction debris on Govt. land




Mysuru, June 10 (SBD&KS)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has imposed a fine of Rs. 10,000 on a PWD Contractor for dumping construction debris on a Government land.

The PWD Contractor, who had dumped the debris on the Government land after demolishing his old house, is Chandrashekar of Chikkaharadanahalli coming under MCC Zone-2 limits.

About eight to 10 tractor loads of construction debris was already dumped on the Government land. MCC Health Officer Dr. Nagaraj said that MCC Environmental Engineer Spoorti, Health Inspector Basavaraj and staff caught the tractor while it was dumping another load of debris on Monday.

Permission has to be taken from the MCC by paying the prescribed fee to demolish old building in MCC limits and the construction debris has to be dumped in the place notified by the MCC and it cannot be dumped in any other place. The public are urged to inform MCC officials if they come across people dumping debris or any kind of wastes in public places.

**Will Ring Road be free from waste dumps?**

Meanwhile, the public said that construction debris and all kinds of wastes were being dumped along the sides of the Outer Ring Road and the MCC officials catch the offenders and fine them only when they see such incidents and let others go scotfree.

This has resulted in large quantity of wastes being dumped on vacant plots and on roadsides in Vijayanagar and surrounding areas, they added.

Wastes such as construction debris, waste from mutton and chicken stalls, waste from poultry farms, carcass of dead animals etc., are being dumped indiscriminately along the Outer Ring Road and it looks like the 'Cleanest City' is surrounded by garbage and other wastes. While the MCC says that the place does not come under it, Gram Panchayats say that they cannot manage the issue resulting in the issue remaining as a problem.

Urban Development Minister K.S. Eshwarappa, who chaired a meeting of officials in city recently, had instructed the officials to dispose of the waste with the help of MCC.

The residents should also do their bit by segregating dry and wet wastes at source and then hand over the same to the Pourakarmikas, who come to collect the garbage daily. But such things are not happening at the moment and heaps of wastes are growing day-by-day.

# Cop's scooter parked in front of house stolen

Mysuru, June 10 (RK&KS)- Miscreants stealing the scooter of a Police Sub-Inspector, that was parked in front of the house at Fort Mohalla on Monday night, has caused tension about the safety of vehicles of the residents.

The Cop who lost the scooter is M.S. Bandi, a Sub-Inspector attached to Lakshmipuram Police Station in city.

The Sub-Inspector, who returned home after her duty at about 11 pm on Monday, parked her Honda Dio scooter in front of her house, opposite to Srikantha Vidya Samsthe and retired for the day.

When she woke up in the morning and opened the door, she found her scooter missing and even searched for the vehicle in the surroundings but in vain and immediately lodged a complaint at K.R. Police Station.

K.R. Police Inspector Srinivas, who has registered a case, has collected the CCTV footages of camera installed in Fort Mohalla and launched a hunt to trace the stolen scooter.

# Rider killed after ramming bike into stationary tractor

Nanjangud, June 10 (RS& KS)- A 38-year-old man was killed on the spot after he rammed the bike he was riding into a tractor that was parked on the roadside near Sindhuvalli Gate on Monday night.

The deceased is Venkatesh, a resident of Hosur village in Gundlupet taluk. Venkatesh, who was proceeding towards Nanjangud on Monday night, rammed into the tractor from behind. The tractor was parked on the roadside after it developed a snag. Venkatesh, who suffered serious head injuries, died on the spot.

Nanjangud Traffic Sub-Inspector Jayalakshmi and staff, who rushed to the spot, registered a case, shifted the body to the Government Hospital, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members.

# Taluk Panchayat to distribute unutilised groceries in Hostels to needy

Mysuru, June 10 (MK&DM)- In a novel gesture, the Standing Committee on Social Justice of Mysuru Taluk Panchayat (TP) has resolved to distribute the groceries that have remained unutilised in Hostels among the poor and needy.

At a meeting of the Committee held at the TP Office here on Saturday, TP member K.Hanumanthu said that a considerable quantity of groceries has remained unutilised in Hostels run by the Social Welfare, Backward Classes Welfare and SC/ST Welfare Departments, which were shut following the COVID-19 induced lockdown in March. Such unutilised groceries can be distributed among the poor and needy, he noted.

Expressing concern over the plight of farmers who are distraught by lack of markets and unremunerative prices, he urged the officials to apprise the Government of agrarian problems along with supporting data.

Pointing out that many Schools have distributed rice to the parents of children in lieu of mid-day meals post-lockdown, he said that parents have become so scared of the deadly Coronavirus that they are reluctant to send their wards to schools unless the epidemic ends in total. He urged the authorities to take all precautionary and safety measures before re-opening of schools.

TP Executive Officer Krishnakumar said that people have to cope with more problems in the future due to the pandemic, which has crippled the economy of the country.

Committee Chairman K.M. Shankar, members Revanna, Muddaramegowda, Tulasi, Manjunath and others were present.

# HC orders interim stay on publication of MyMUL posts selection list: MLA

Mysuru, June 10 (RKB&DM)- Claiming moral victory for his relentless crusade against what he accused of massive corruption in MyMUL recruitments, K.R.Nagar JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh said that the Karnataka High Court has granted an interim stay for publication of final selection list for MyMUL posts, until further orders.

Addressing a press meet at his office near Ramavilas Road here this morning, S.R. Mahesh, who is also a former Minister, announced that the High Court, which heard a petition (Case No. WP 7692/2020) filed by aggrieved candidates, issued an order yesterday (June 9) granting an interim stay for publication of final selection list.

Pointing out that the petitioners, apart from alleging grave irregularities, had highlighted the fact that MyMUL, after issuing notification for filling up 168 posts of different categories, had given midway approval for 25 additional posts, he said that the High Court taking note of the irregularities, has granted an interim stay for publication of selection list, which has brought some relief for the aggrieved candidates.

Maintaining that he had taken up the cause of aggrieved candidates as huge amount of money had exchanged hands in the recruitment, with aspirants forced to shell out lakhs of rupees, Mahesh urged the State Government for setting up an Exclusive Recruitment Board for appointments to Co-operative Bodies and Institutions.

Stressing on the need for maintaining transparency in the selection process, he reiterated that the HC order is a relief for about 200 deserving candidates, who were to be deprived of posts due to rampant corruption in MyMUL recruitment process.

ZP President Parimala Shyam, members Nagaraj and Beerihundi Basavanna, Corporator SBM Manju, leaders Ravichandregowda, M.P.Kumar, K.V.Mallesh, A.T. Somashekar, Vivekananda and others were present at the press meet.

# City business limping back to normalcy

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However, on the Old Bank Road, Gandhi Chowk, Maharaja Complex, Sumangali Silk, Sudarshan Silk and places where clothes and household articles are sold are seeing a lot of footfall, especially girls and women. Likewise shops that sell hardware, sanitary items, cement and iron equipment shops are witnessing good sales as the construction industry has begun in full swing.

**Attractive discounts**

Many shops have even announced discounts to pull customers. "I am ready to sell my products even at half price and this will enable me to get new goods so that there is regular movement of people in my store," said Kailash, a readymade cloth merchant on K.T. Street.

"People don't have to go to offices as most of the workplaces have asked the employees to work from home. Schools and Colleges are shut and hence, the teachers and staff do not bother to buy new clothes. If even a few customers turn up, they mostly buy bed spreads and household curtains for their home. It will take at least one year to recover from the loss," Ashish Gupta, a garment merchant on Devaraj Urs Road said.

**Hospital OPDs open**

Hospitals, including Government and private sector ones have begun full-fledged operations both in the Out-Patient (OPD) and in-patient (IPD) divisions. State-run K.R. Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital, Eye Hospital, Ayurveda Hospital, PKTB and Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences reported good number of patients.

On an average, 1,200 to 1,500 patient footfall is recorded at all wings of K.R. Hospital and till today afternoon, over 400 patients had obtained OPD treatment. The Surgery Departments at all wings including Orthopaedics, Ophthalmology and Urology have resumed normal surgery schedules with 15 to 20 operations a day. Likewise, private hospitals like Apollo BGS Hospital, Columbia Asia, Narayana Hrudayalaya, Cauvery Hospital and JSS Hospitals too have fully thrown open their OPD and IPD wings adhering to Government guidelines.

**Hotels yet to pick up business**

As per the details available with Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, only 35 percent of the hotels have opened since June 8. Most of the hotels are still encouraging parcel service and many of them are sporting empty tables. Of the 405 lodges that have dining and lodging facilities, only 125 have opened and there are not many check-ins.

Hotels have seen a radical shift in their work and service culture with hand sanitisers, thermal screening, face masks and social distancing for customers. This apart, they have to also record guest details including health status, digital payments and others.

**Less crowd in malls**

Malls still have not reported maximum shopping as very few visitors are seen. On an average, over 1,500 to 1,800 visitors are seen in any mall at any given point of time. Malls including Forum City Centre, B.M. Habitat Mall, Garuda Mall and Mall of Mysore have reported less footfall — a little over 500 at a given point of time – despite mall managements taking precautions.

Customers are being allowed inside premises after thermal screening and measures were taken to maintain social distancing during shopping and billing. Among the visitors most visited supermarkets located inside the malls to buy groceries and other household items. As per the order of the Government, cinema halls and children play areas remain closed.

# Virtual Parliament Session on cards

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They informed that while the Rajya Sabha Chamber can accommodate about 60 members as per the norms of social distancing, the Lok Sabha Chamber and the Central Hall are adequate enough for a little over 100 members. They said even if the members were to be accommodated in the galleries, the total seating capacity would be much less than the required if all members were to be accommodated.

Naidu and Birla directed the two top officials to examine in detail various issues related to enabling virtual participation of members in the proceedings of both Houses. This includes the maximum capacity available for enabling such virtual participation of MPs, the feasibility of enabling the participation of members as per the rules of business of both the Houses and other technical issues.

Regarding virtual meetings of the Parliamentary Committees, it was explained that any change in the rules concerning such meetings required a motion to be carried in both the Houses of Parliament. The Parliament officials also informed the Presiding Officers of certain other limitations if the Central Hall and Vigyan Bhawan were to be used for the Session.

These included non-availability of the air-conditioned facility during the day in the Central Hall and problems of enabling simultaneous interpretation service.

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